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Status		
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>19 December 2000</u> .		
2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL. 2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.		
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.		
Disposition of Claims		
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-12</u> is/are pending in the application.		
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.		
5) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.		
6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-12</u> is/are rejected.		
7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.		
8) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.		
Application Papers		
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.		
10) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on <u>19 December 2000</u> is/are: a) <input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).		
11) <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) <input type="checkbox"/> approved b) <input type="checkbox"/> disapproved by the Examiner. If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.		
12) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120		
13) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).		
a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some * c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of: 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.		
14) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application). a) <input type="checkbox"/> The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.		
15) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.		
Attachment(s)		
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)		
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)		
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____		
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to because figures 12(A, B), 14(A, B, C, D, E) and 15 (A-1, A-2, B, C-1, C-2){see (page 6, lines 4,6,9,14,24); (page 8, lines 1,3,4); (page 7, lines 6,22)} of the specification should be designated as --Prior Art--. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the language such as "is disclosed" in the abstract should be deleted. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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4. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Carrender (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,187).

Re claim 1: Carrender discloses an IC tag reader and wireless communication link system an method thereof capable of detecting high frequency signal such as 915 MHz (see col.2, lines18-19; and col.3, lines 16-18) from an antenna 12 (col. 3, line 20; and col. 3, lines 36+), which includes a sampling device 702 for sampling the detected/received signal (col. 9, lines 30-31), and a signal processor 208 (col. 9, line 21) to process and decode the received RF signal (col. 10, lines 6-7).

Re claim 2: Carrender teaches that the above system also includes a binary pattern of "1" and "0" (col.4, lines 16-23; and col.6, lines 59-62), which serves as a binarizer.

Re claims 3-6: Carrender discloses that the apparatus includes an electronic tag reader (col. 2, line12; and col.4, lines 24-33) and a reader/writer (col.2, line 17; col.4, lines 24-33) also known in the art as an Integrated Circuit Card (IC Card) capable of both reading and transmitting data therefrom (col. 2, lines 12-14), detecting the high frequency signals up to 915 MHz from the antenna (col.3, lines 17-19), decoding data of the received signals (col. 10, lines 6-7) and sampling the received data (col. 9, lines 31-34) to bit checker.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claims 7-12 are rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carrender (U.S. 5,850,187) in view of Wada (U.S. 5,602,879).

The teachings of Carrender have been discussed above.

Carrender fails to teach the clock regenerating technique and the detection of the correlation value signals

Wada teaches a clock recovery scheme 40 (col.7, line 25) including a correlation detection circuit 41(col. 7, line 27).

In view of Wada's teaching, it would have been obvious to an artisan of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to integrate a clock recovery circuit and a correlator to the teaching of Carrender in order to point out the similarity in signal between the clock signal and the received signal. Furthermore, such modification would enhance the teaching of Carrender to execute the detection of the degradation of bits error in order to optimize the monitoring of the correlation, which reduces the noise level and thus improves the signal-to noise ratio (SNR).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Katayama U.S. Patent No. 5,418,353 discloses a non-contact IC card communication in which power consumption of a driver of a reader/writer is reduced.

Shinji Ozaki U.S. Patent No. 5,502749 teaches a radio receiver apparatus receiving a transmission signal having a reference pattern formed of a predetermined bit pattern.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWYN LABAZE whose telephone number is (703) 305-5437.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

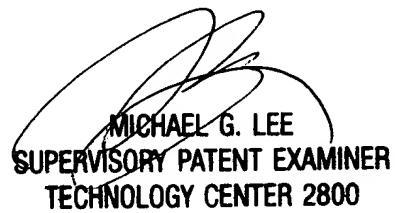
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.

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